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TITLE: THERAPEUTICALLY ACTIVE DRESSINGS, THEIR
MANUFACTURE AND USE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2009, with the time for response having been extended by four (4) months by petition and the payment of the corresponding fee, Applicant respectfully responds as follows:

An Election of Invention and Species begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

ELECTION OF INVENTIONS AND SPECIES:

The Patent Examiner has required the selection of one of the following three groups of Inventions for further prosecution:

Group I: Claims 33-35, drawn to a wound dressing;

Group II: Claims 36-58, drawn to a method for producing a wound dressing; or

Group III: Claims 59-62, drawn to a method of use of a wound dressing.

The Examiner has also required the election of one of the following species for further prosecution:

If Group I is elected, each of the following species elections is required:

Regarding claim 34, a single polycarbonic acid identity must be chosen.

If Group II is elected, each of the following species elections is required:

Regarding claim 38, a single structured protein gelatin identity must be chosen.

Regarding claim 42, a single structural polycarbonic acid identity must be chosen.

Regarding claim 47, a single polyfunctional amino acid identity must be chosen.

Regarding claim 55, a single antibacterial excipient identity must be chosen.

ELECTION:

Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, the invention of Group II, claims 36-58, drawn to a method for producing a wound dressing, for further prosecution.

With respect to the species, Applicants further respectfully elect, with traverse, as follows.

Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, gelatine type A as the structural protein of claim 38 for further prosecution. Claims 36-58 are readable on the elected species of claim 38.

Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, lactic acid as the polycarbonic acid of claim 42 for further prosecution.

Claims 36-58 are readable on the elected species of claim 42.

Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, taurine as the polyfunctional amino acid of claim 47 for further prosecution.

Claims 36-58 are readable on the elected species of claim 47.

Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, chlorhexidine as the antibacterial excipient of claim 55 for further prosecution. Claims 36-57 are readable on the elected species of claim 55.